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## **Snohomish County Conservation Futures Program Grants for 2017**

The Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board announces \$2,000,000 grant round opening January 9, 2017

**EVERETT, Wash., January 9, 2017**—Today, the Snohomish County Conservation Futures Advisory Board [SCCFP] announced a \$2 million grant round for 2017. Applications for the funds will be accepted starting January 9, 2017.

The <u>Snohomish County Conservation Futures Program</u> was started in 1988 as a mechanism for distributing Conservation Futures Property Tax Funds for the preservation of open space, farm, agricultural, and timber land as authorized by <u>RCW 84.34.230</u>. The purpose of the Conservation Futures Program Fund is to acquire interests or rights in real property for the preservation land per <u>SCC 4.14.010</u>. Approximately \$2,000,000 will be available for distribution in 2017 for those purposes.

## **Allocation Policies**

- Snohomish County will allocate Conservation Futures Program funds on a competitive basis through an application and evaluative project selection process.
- Conservation Futures Program resources are allocated on a county-wide basis to assure that the most highly rated projects receive funding.
- Matching funds are encouraged.
- Projects may be funded at a level below the amount requested by the project sponsor, as
  recommended by the <u>Snohomish County Program Advisory Board</u> [CFPAB] and forwarded through
  the County Executive to the Snohomish County Council for review and final consideration for
  funding approval.

## **Application Submission and Due Date**

Grant applications and accompanying attachments (eight color copies) should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. February 28, 2017. Submissions received after this time will not be accepted. Detailed instructions for completing the application and submitting it are found on the CFPAB web page. Final grant applications can be submitted by mail, email, or hand delivery, using information provided in the application packet. If submitting by mail, the packet submittal must be postmarked by the submission deadline. A ".docx" of this document will be available at:

http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/141